

of the word of God to sinful men. It is hoped, however, that the Lord will speedily restore him to perfect health.

Yours in hope,

S. KIEHL.

Ashland College

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ashland University held during the Conference at Johnstown the following was unanimously passed and signed by members of the Board:

We the Board of Trustees of Ashland University do elect the following persons as a Faculty:

J. C. Mackey, A. M., Ph. D., President;
J. A. Miller, A. M., Dean of Theological Department;
G. W. Rench, Principal of Normal Department.

We urge the persons named to accept the work asked of them.

The Board also requests and authorizes you to collect the apportionment in your districts, to solicit students and in every way labor to advance the cause of the University. It is the desire of the Board that the school be opened the 1st of January, 1898.

John Keim, President, M. C. Myers,
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Rufus Helser.

Roann, Ind.

Meetings closed after one month's effort. The Lord wonderfully blessed our efforts. Thirty applicants for baptism—twenty eight of which have already been baptized—and one by letter, making thirty one in all, came forward. Bless God for victory. Fearlessly, we preached the gospel alone doctrine—implicit obedience to God and the blood of Jesus Christ for sole righteousness. The church has been wonderfully strengthened and encouraged. The good done in arousing the sleeping, and bringing back the wandering, and inciting the laboring to greater effort, cannot be over-estimated.

The Lord has never failed us yet, when we put our trust in His strong arm. We have ever found Him faithful. It is ours, to do, the result is God's.

We kept reminding our friends from the pulpit of Brother McFaden's noble work, and their great opportunity to show the fruits of their religion. The result we have in our room a large pile of good clothing as a Christmas present and chicken,—O, my! If Brother McFaden gets sick, might it be our fault? Brethren, if Christianity means anything it means clothing for the naked, and food for the hungry. What kind of religion have you got?

Our congregations with the exception of three nights have completely filled the house, many times to overflowing causing many to turn away from the door. Closed last night because we feel we need rest before commencing our revival at Mexico, Jan. 2. The house was filled to overflowing, but we felt it our duty to close.

Yet, we hope to continue our revival for about 365 days out of the year. *Pray for us at Mexico.*

I am now in my own home. O, no! I haven't "got her" YET, but father and mother have come to live with their only boy. Father and mother, you know, are my old time friends. Come and see us when you come to Roann. Busy, very busy, but more to follow.

In Jesus' Name,

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

The College Debt

Here it is again; the first thing I see in the paper is about money. But brethren, how can the church prosper without money? This is all wrong in the sight of God. Brethren let us pay this honest debt so that the doors of the college may be opened and men prepared to carry the glorious news of the blessed gospel to the ends of the earth. We should not wait to see what our brother gives or feel that I want to give more than he does. Paul says, "Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

AUSTIN MILLER.

Summit Mills, Pa.

Man cannot purchase his own liberty. To sin once is to become forever the servant of sin, unless ransom is bought by the blood of Jesus Christ. No one is free indeed until the Son has made him free.

Literary Notes

The Outlook for 1898 will contain, besides very many other things, a richly illustrated series of papers by Edward Everett Hale on "James Russell Lowell and His Friends;" a series of articles by Lyman Abbott on "The Life and Letters of St. Paul;" a group of papers on municipal questions (and on municipal franchises in particular,) by Dr. Albert Shaw, Professor E. W. Bemis, Lee Meriwether, J. G. Brooks, and others; three autobiographical articles by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, called "Abolition Days," "The First Black Regiment," and "My Literary Neighbors;" three or four articles by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie on "The Great English Schools," finely illustrated; a group of articles called, "The Awakening of the West," by President J. H. Canfield, Mr. Henry Van Brunt, Octave Thanet, and Dr. Washington Gladden; a series on "Greater New York Activities," in which Mr. J. H. Riis will write of the Police Department, Commissioner Sheffield of the Fire Department, Mr. Ernest Ingersoll of "Transportation," etc., etc.; special articles by experts on "Child Training" and "Health in the Home;" short stories by the best writers of fiction; and hundreds of pages of news, reviews, and editorials. *The Outlook* will continue to be, as heretofore, both a weekly "History of Our Own Times" and a monthly illustrated periodical—the two included under one subscription, (\$3 a year. *The Outlook* Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

The December number of *The Homiletic Review* completes Volume XXXIV of that most valuable publication. During the past year *The Review* has contained contributions from a very large number of the ablest thinkers and writers in the various denominations in America and Europe. The present number does not fall behind any of the preceding numbers in

the force, breadth and timeliness of its presentations and discussions.

The Review Section opens with an article by Dean F. W. Farrar, of Canterbury, England, on "How Best to Direct the Laity in Good Works," based upon that remarkable third chapter of Nehemiah, which was long ago treated by one of the Puritan divines as a guide to the laity in somewhat the same manner. Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Dike, Secretary of the American League for Divorce Reform, follows with an article on "The Home Department of the Sunday-school" Mr. W. S. Lilly, the distinguished English writer in literature and morals, discusses "The Pulpit and Progress," presenting the true idea of progress, as distinguished from the utilitarian notion, and showing that true future progress must depend upon the wider diffusion of what may be called the "Christian temper," and upon the fulfilment by the ministry of their "especial mission—in this age to witness to the great truth that perfection is an inward condition of mind and spirit; or, as an eloquent American divine pithily put it, that 'the soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul.'" Archdeacon Sinclair, of London, in a paper on "The Duty of the Clergy in Promoting Health," summarizes the teachings of the course of lectures recently delivered in the Library of Lambeth Palace on this important subject.

But perhaps the article that will be most widely and eagerly read is that of Rev. Dr. Camden M. Cobern, on "The Recently Discovered 'Sayings of Christ' and the Oldest Leaf of the New Testament."

In the Sermonic Section Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, furnishes one of his unique sermons on "The Suicide of Isolation;" Dr. Frank Crane, of Chicago, discusses "The Labor Problem" from the Christian point of view; Dr. D. J. Burrell, of New York, presents "Christ in the Porches of Bethesda," etc.

To the Seed-Thought Section contributions are furnished by President Franklin W. Fisk, and Drs. Ludlow, Reichel, Pierson, Banks and others. Dr. A. T. Pierson's article entitled "A Study of the Pneumatics" will be found peculiarly useful as summarizing the whole range of Scriptural teaching on the Spirit of God and on Satan, with the names and titles and the corresponding symbols.

The Editorial Section concludes the literary matter of *The Review*, and followed by a carefully prepared Index of the volume.

We can hardly conceive of a richer library for the preacher's use than that constituted by the more than thirty volumes of this always wide-awake and timely periodical. The editors promise still better things for the year 1898.

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